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1. [ ] LIAISON In the absence of [ ]  
[ ] took a call from Jim Davidson, on the staff of the Senate Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, Government Operations Committee. He asked for the status on Senator Edmund S. Muskie's (D., Maine) letter on CIA's experience with Executive Order 11652 on classification and declassification of information. He indicated that we had informed him in mid-September that another week would be needed. After checking, I told him that our response was completed and was waiting for the Director's signature and that I would get it over to him as soon as it was signed.

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2. [ ] BRIEFING Called Howard Feldman, Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee staff, and advised him that CIA had a revised estimate of the Soviet grain production. As of last week, Soviet grain production is estimated to be between 155 and 165 million tons. They have purchased 20 million tons which means there is a 32 million ton shortfall. The reasons and implications are essentially the same as they were when we last briefed them. Nonetheless, we thought this new estimate should be brought to his attention.

I also called Stuart Statler, Minority Counsel, of the same Subcommittee, and told him the foregoing. They were both very grateful.

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3. [ ] HEARING Following my conversation with Mr. Cary, I called Jim Michie, Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure, and told him that our lawyers had some problems with the request to interview C [ ] OTS. As he may have read in the paper, Dr. Gottlieb has been granted use immunity by the Senate Select Committee and we would want to avoid providing information which would place Dr. Gottlieb in jeopardy. This was true particularly since the Department of Justice was looking into this subject. Michie said I was assuming that C [ ] OTS would have information implicating Dr. Gottlieb. I admitted that might be the problem. He suggested that our two lawyers get together and talk it out. I said before I did that I would talk to C [ ] OTS to determine if we have a legal problem and then call him tomorrow.

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4. [ ] LEGISLATION Called Clark McFadden, Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, regarding the Agency's attempt to include our medical staff within the malpractice legislation currently before the Committee. Mr. Cary earlier brought to my attention the fact that Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, had raised objections to our proposal. McFadden indicated that the problem was that several agencies had requested the Committee to include their medical staffs within the legislation and that Mr. Braswell was worried about the politics of including "all comers." He indicated, however, that Mr. Braswell had not made a final determination. In response to my inquiry of whether we could provide any additional information to the Committee, McFadden said exact breakdown of the number of physicians who already have this coverage and the total number of Federal doctors would be helpful.

5. [ ] LIAISON Received a call from Paul Hoff, Counsel to the Senate Government Operations Committee, who inquired about the progress in setting up a meeting with OLC on the question of congressional oversight of CIA. After checking again with Mr. Cary, I called Hoff and set up a meeting for 2:00 p.m. on 20 October.

6. [ ] LEGISLATION Called Harold Lerner, on the staff of the Subcommittee on Manpower and Civil Service, House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, regarding the various bills before the Subcommittee on compulsory union representation of Federal employees. Lerner indicated that the Subcommittee planned to report a clean bill within 30-60 days, which would represent the Subcommittee's preferences among the three types of bills before the Subcommittee. Only one of the three types of bills, H.R. 4800, introduced by full Committee Chairman Representative David Henderson (D., N.C.) exempted the CIA. Lerner was unable to give me a prognosis regarding whether the Subcommittee's clean bill would exempt the Agency.

7. [ ] LIAISON Called Werner Brandt, Legislative Assistant to Representative Thomas Foley (D., Wash.), Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, to advise him of a revision in our estimate of Soviet grain production. He told me he would call me back to arrange a briefing for himself and several of the Committee staff. He added that Representative Foley had complimented the Agency's accuracy on its estimate of Soviet performance.

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11. [ ] INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING Met separately with Gilbert Keyes, Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences staff, and Thomas N. Tate, House Science and Technology Committee staff, and briefed them on a possible imminent Soviet space exercise. Both expressed appreciation for the alert.

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13. [ ] ADMINISTRATIVE DELIVERY  
In the absence of Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, met with Jane McMullen and delivered to her a sensitive document which had been prepared by [ ] IC Staff.

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14. [ ] LIAISON Spoke with Ruth Matthews, on the staff of Representative Bella S. Abzug's (D., N. Y.) Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights, Committee of Government Operations, regarding the letter from Representative Abzug requesting information on Agency implementation of Executive Order 11652. I pointed out to her that although the letter was dated September 26 we had received it on the afternoon of October 14 and that we were just now beginning to work on it. She said she understood and asked how soon we might have a response. I told her we might have an initial response within two weeks. She said that would be fine.

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15. [ ] CONSTITUENT Spoke with Walter C. Conahan, Administrative Assistant to Representative James Abdnor (R., S. Dak.), regarding Representative Abdnor's letter to Director Colby asking for information regarding committees or advisory commissions on which private citizens could sit. I explained that the Agency, due to the special nature of its work and clearance problems, really did not have any such commissions on which members of his constituency could sit. He said that he understood and that a negative response was of value. He also said that the telephonic response was adequate and that no further follow-up was necessary.

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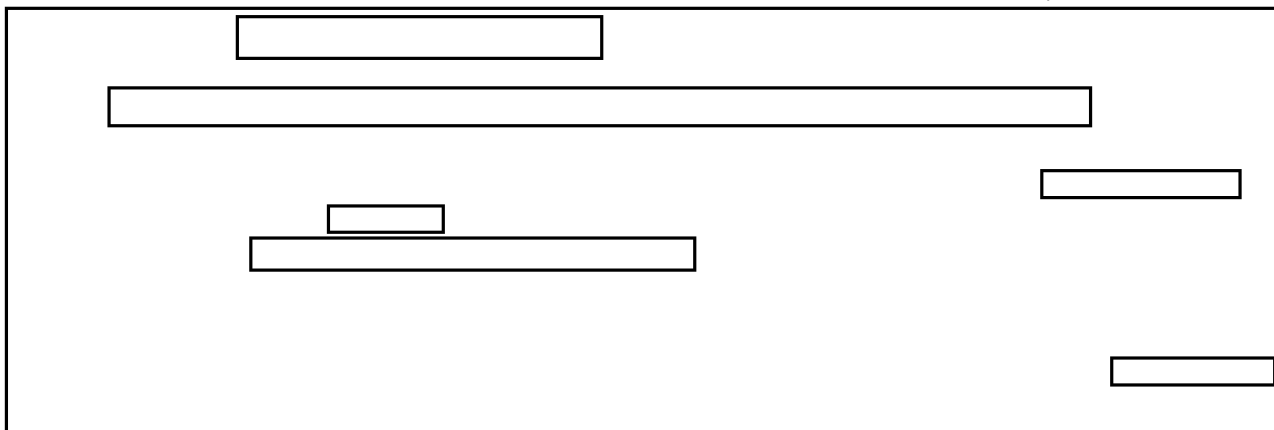


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17. [REDACTED] LIAISON Richard Gilmore, on the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations, called to inquire as to the status of the letter Chairman Frank Church (D., Idaho) had written requesting access to the CIA's support memoranda regarding international grain developments. I advised Mr. Gilmore that we were pulling the material together and a reply would be sent to Senator Church soon.

Gilmore is also planning to accompany Senator Dick Clark (D., Iowa) to the USSR near the end of November. He requested a briefing on either 14 or 17 November. [REDACTED] is handling the plans for the briefing.

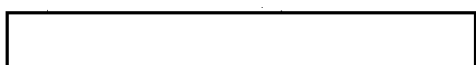
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18. [REDACTED] LIAISON Edward Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, called and said that Bill Beecher, of the New York Times, was coming to see him at 10:00 today. Braswell wanted to know if we saw any problem in his telling Beecher that the Agency has been weakened by the current investigations. I said that certainly this could be said but I would not overdo it. I said I even heard a report that Senator Frank Church (D., Idaho) and Representative Otis Pike (D., N.Y.) are concerned and that Braswell might want to mention that. I said these disclosures are having an impact on the intelligence community; that agents abroad are becoming less willing to cooperate; and we are having some problem [REDACTED] They feel that anything they give us (plus their identities) will be disclosed. I told Braswell that there have not been a great number of agent terminations but there has been some and an increasing concern from these people. They expect to be protected. I told Braswell it would be useful if he could touch on these points.

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